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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
PRESTON NORTH END
v
BOLTON WANDERERS

Saturday, 21st March, 1981

Kick-off 3 p.m.

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Nobby's notes

ALL OUR MATCHES ARE CUP TIES

FOOTBALL is a game of ups and downs, which our last two matches have proved. After the success against Orient when we won 3-0, we went to Newcastle last week and lost by 2-0, which means that we have to pick ourselves up again for today's visit of Bolton.

The Orient win was an especially good performance by the players, coming as it did after the victory over Chelsea. In the Chelsea game we were pinned down in the opening period and only began to play mid-way through the first half. Against Orient, however, we started at the beginning of

the match and put the pressure on them. We took the lead through an own goal but Steve Doyle and Paul McGee scored two fine goals as well to give us the win.

There was some criticism of the pitch, but our players adapted well and in fact the pitch was in a worse condition before the Bristol Rovers game.

In contrast, the Newcastle players said last Saturday that their pitch at St. James' Park was very heavy but we thought it was the best surface we had played on for ages.

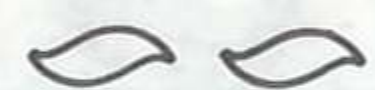
The result was, of course, disappointing; especially for the lads after the previous two wins. They worked hard and competed well but

Newcastle were the better side on the day. Their first goal was a good one but we were in the game until the second goal killed us off. I sent Steve Elliott on in the late stages as the sub for Alex Bruce, but that was just because we wanted a fresh pair of legs and was no reflection on Alex.

Now there are just nine matches left and every one is going to be like a Cup tie, including today's derby

match with Bolton. It's a fairly long time since Preston played Bolton; they've just come down from the First Division and they are struggling, so today's match is a four-pointer.

None of the games ahead are going to be easy, though; what's going to keep this club in the Second Division is character. I have said all along that we have the ability at Preston, and we have to believe in that ability in order to stay up.



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SCHOOLS VISIT P.N.E.

THE doors are being opened wide at Deepdale in an attempt to encourage schoolboys to associate more with the club. Last week parties of boys from Parklands and St. John Fisher's schools were given special tours of inspection by the North End staff to show them how the club functioned, and any school in the Preston area is invited to ring commercial manager David Bradshaw on 795465 or secretary Ron Severs on 795919 and make an appointment for their school to make a visit.

The idea was forged by David Bradshaw and Mr. Kim Jones, youth leader at St. Augustine's youth club. "I was discussing the possibility of making video recordings of matches with David, for next season's Junior Whites club, when we thought the idea of showing schoolboys round the ground," he said.

"I have contact with both Parklands and St. John Fisher, so I suggested the idea to them and they were enthusiastic. It makes for a good public relations exercise for the club, because it encourages the kids to associate with North End.

"Several youngsters had told me that they didn't feel part of North End, which I

was quite concerned about, so this is a good chance for them to rekindle their interest in the right way. Getting the 12 and 13-year-olds interested in the workings of a football club helps to discourage hooliganism. When they've seen what goes on behind the scenes and met the players they're less likely to want to start fighting and wrecking the place on match-days".

The lads were given a thorough tour of the ground, taking in the terraces, stands, tunnel, gym, director's box, offices, and finishing up on the training pitch, where they saw the players take part in a practice match.

"It's a case of educating them in the sport they want to

support", said secretary Ron Severs. "The teachers themselves will hopefully find it useful in expanding their curriculum and stimulating interest. We've had the odd open day in the past, but nothing on this scale. As long as schools apply, we'll be doing this every Monday morning".

A spin-off from the 'guided tours' is that some of the schoolboys are taking the opportunity to enrol for the Junior Whites - a junior P.N.E. supporters club that will start next season. Already 14 youngsters have signed up from St. John Fisher and Parklands bringing the entrants up to 50 so far. It is hoped that by the start of next season North End's Junior Whites will be excess of 300 members being made up of boys and girls under the age of 16.

If you would like further details write to Junior Whites, Commercial Department, Preston North End, Lottery Office, Deepdale Road, Preston - or if you want to enrol fill in the coupon on this page or watch out for it in the 'Post'.



THE PNE Junior Whites will commence in full operation in August, 1981, with responsible staff at all activities and members will meet on Deepdale first team match days 10 a.m. on Saturdays in St. Oswald's Youth Centre which is situated close to the ground. Activities will involve film shows, guest speakers, five-a-side, outings, and quizzes.

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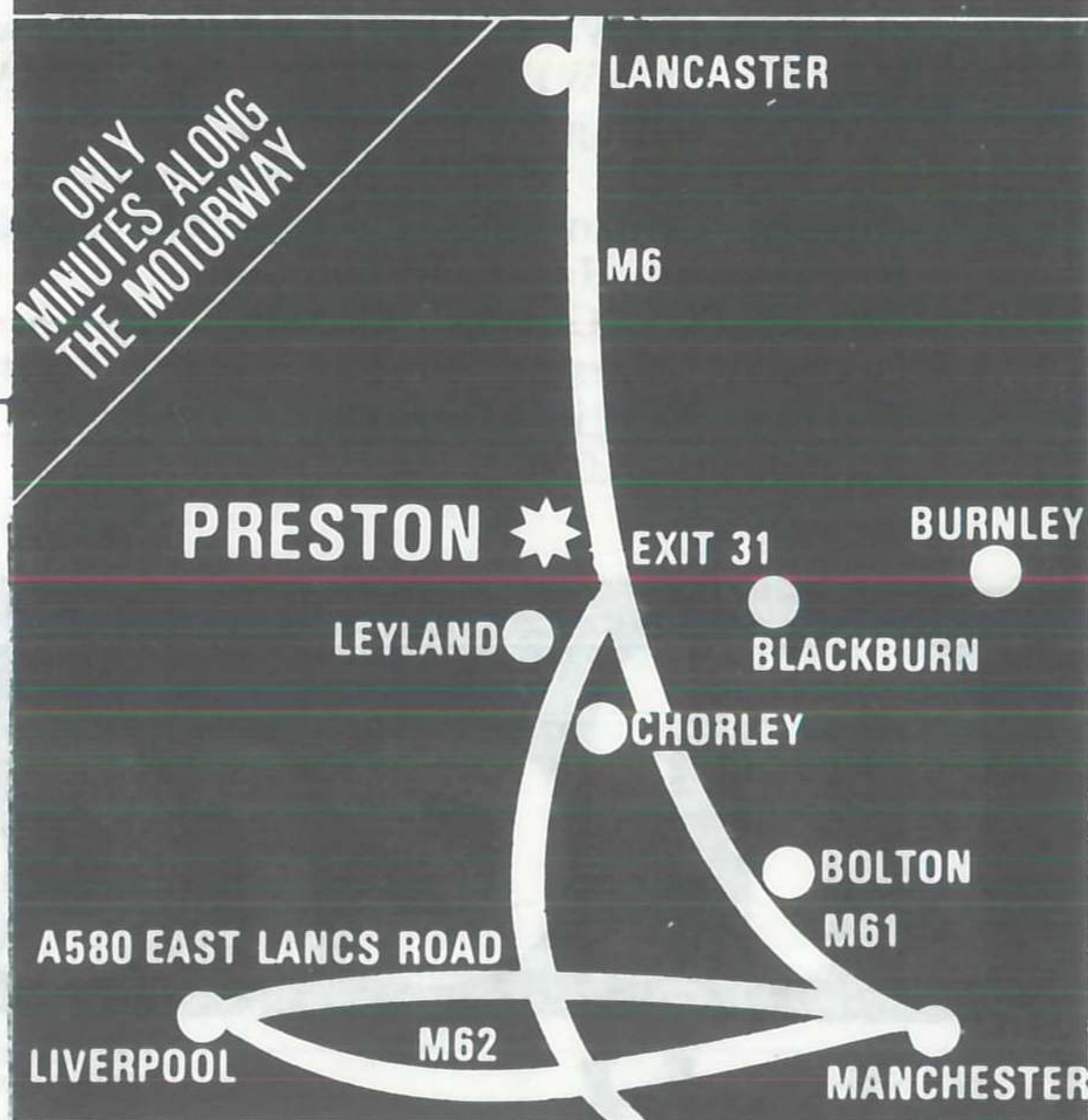
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PRESTON: Kelly, Ross, McNab, Spark, Hawkins, Spavin, Heppolette, Ham, Ingram, Lyall, Clark.

DONCASTER: Johnson, Branfoot, Haselden, Flowers, Robertson, Chatterley, Irvine, Gilfillan, Adamson, Watson, Usher.

Attendance 14,613.

With Fulham losing 2-0 at Bury we were now three points clear of our nearest rivals with Aston Villa staying in third place after a 1-1 draw at Torquay.

In Division One Leeds and Arsenal both won against Crystal Palace and Blackpool respectively, which left the Elland Road lads still seven points clear at the top. Meanwhile today's visitors Bolton were struggling in the Second Division relegation zone and after losing 2-1 at Norwich they were still only a point ahead of wooden spoonists Charlton.

20 YEARS AGO

A SECOND half equaliser by PETER THOMPSON earned a useful point in a First Division game at Stamford Bridge on March 18, 1961 after RON TINDALL had put Chelsea in the lead. Teams:

CHELSEA: Bonnetti, Sillett(P), Sillett(J), Venables, Scott, Anderson, Brabrook, Greaves, Tindall, Tambling, Harrison.

PRESTON: Else, Cunningham, O'Neill, Wylie, Singleton, O'Farrell, Mayers, Fullam, Alston, Sneddon, Thompson(P).

We were now level on points with Newcastle, with Blackpool the only club beneath us at the bottom of Division One. Both these close rivals were without a game in Division One because of the F.A. Cup semi-finals on the same day. Bolton, who were three points ahead of us, were in action, but failed to improve their situation, losing 1-0 at home to Sheffield Wednesday, who were now four points behind Spurs at the top.

Spurs meanwhile were looking likely candidates for the F.A. Cup and Football League double after winning their semi-final against Burnley by three clear goals scored by BOBBY SMITH(2) and CLIFF JONES.

The other semi-final went to a replay with Leicester finally edging through in the third game, 2-0 against Sheffield United.

30 YEARS AGO

WE carried our remarkable run of wins to eleven when getting the better of Sheffield United 3-2 at Bramall Lane on March 17, 1951.

WILLIE FORBES, CHARLIE WAYMAN and KEN HAWKSWORTH got our goals with DEREK HAWKSWORTH and JIMMY GAGAN netting for United. Teams:

SHEFFIELD UNITED: Burgin, Furniss, Cox, Hitchen, Latham, Brook, Ringstead, Hoyland, Hawksworth, Hagan, Hutchinson.

PRESTON: Gooch, Cunningham, Scott, Docherty, Marston, Forbes, Finney, Horton, Wayman, Beattie, Morrison.

Attendance 28,000.

With Blackburn beaten 3-2 at home by Birmingham we were now seven points clear at the top of Division Two while third place Cardiff lost 4-0 at Brentford.

In Division One Spurs stayed three points clear of Manchester United after a LEN DUQUEMIN hat-trick had helped her to a 5-0 win over W.B. Albion. Today's visitors Bolton were in fifth place after a 4-0 win over relegation-haunted Huddersfield, England men NAT LOFTHOUSE and BOBBY LANGTON being amongst the scorers.

Leaders in both sections of Division Three also won, Nottingham Forest against Watford and Rotherham at Crewe.

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SOUTH RIBBLE & DISTRICT SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

The South Ribble Supporters Club was formed this season to encourage contact among supporters and to organise financial and other support for North End.

The club has hired coaches to take members to all away matches, has presented an away "Man of the Match" award and presented Nobby Stiles with a large white teddy-bear called 'Deepdale' as a team mascot before the game at Cambridge. 'Match-winners' awards have been given to Alex Bruce for his goal against Chelsea and to Stephen Doyle and Paul McGee for their goals against Orient. The club also sponsored the match ball for the Chelsea game.

Various fund-raising activities have been organised including a jumble sale and Christmas and Easter raffles. Future events will include a disco and pool tournament.

LAWS and LAWS

HAVING covered the 17 laws of the game we come today to the law formulated in 1970 with regard to the settling of certain cup games by the taking of penalty kicks when the scores are still level after extra time. This law now applies to first round League Cup-ties as well as the three major European Cup competitions.

Five kicks are taken per team towards whichever of the two goals the referee shall determine, the two sides alternating in the taking of the kicks. Each kick is to be taken by a different player and only players on the field at the end of extra time may be eligible to take the kicks. If the scores after five kicks per team are level kicks shall be taken until one side has a goal lead at a point at which the number of kicks taken per side is equal.

Only if all eleven players have each taken a kick may a player take a second kick and in fact there is no instance of this having been necessary. In most cases the issue is settled by the end of five kicks since the one failure usually proves decisive as it did in Arsenal's defeat by Valencia in last season's European Cup-winners' Cup final.

The next meeting, which will be held in the Sponsor's Lounge at Deepdale, will feature a film about North End including film of supporters on the trip to Shrewsbury. The date and time of this meeting will be published in the North Ender, the Lancashire Evening Post and on Radio Blackburn.

Since January the Club, which is open to all P.N.E. supporters, has recruited over 130 members but more are needed. Anyone interested should complete the application form below and send it, with 50p, to the Secretary, 90 Brackenbury Road, Preston, or contact the Chairman, Janice Falconer, on Preston 749259.

All of which puts great responsibility on the goalkeeper on each side for whereas a kicker is involved only once in the shoot-out the goalkeeper normally has to face at least five kicks and also possibly take one of the kicks himself.

There is also tremendous responsibility on the referee who has to decide whether a goalkeeper moves before a kick is taken. Soon after the shoot-out was formulated in 1970 Andy Rankin, then with Everton, pulled off a spectacular save which was allowed to stand despite protests that he had moved before the kick was taken. So brilliant was the save that in any event it seemed poetic justice that the kick was not ordered to be retaken.

There are of course many who think the sudden death shoot-out rather unfair after teams have struggled through hours of competitive play. Too much depends on one kick or one striking of the woodwork, they say. Be that as it may, it is much fairer than the previous tossing of a coin to settle European Cup games that ended all square.

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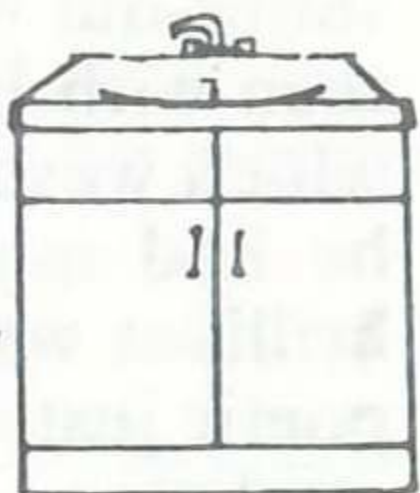
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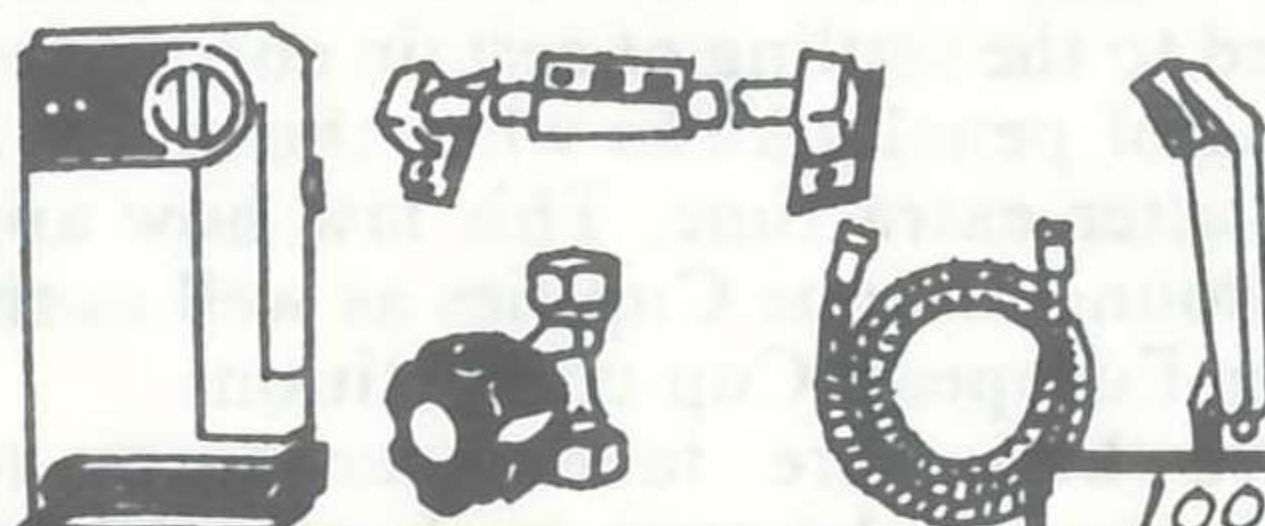
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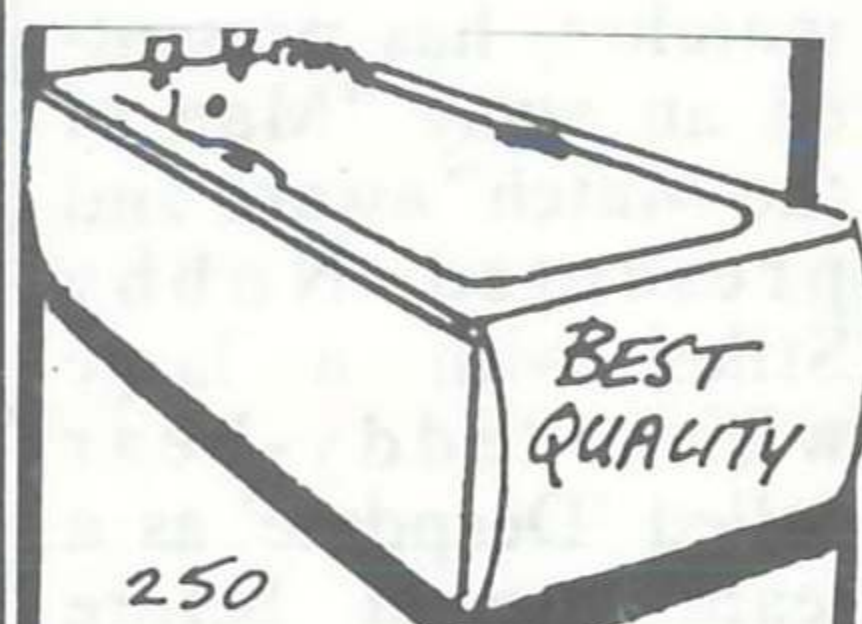
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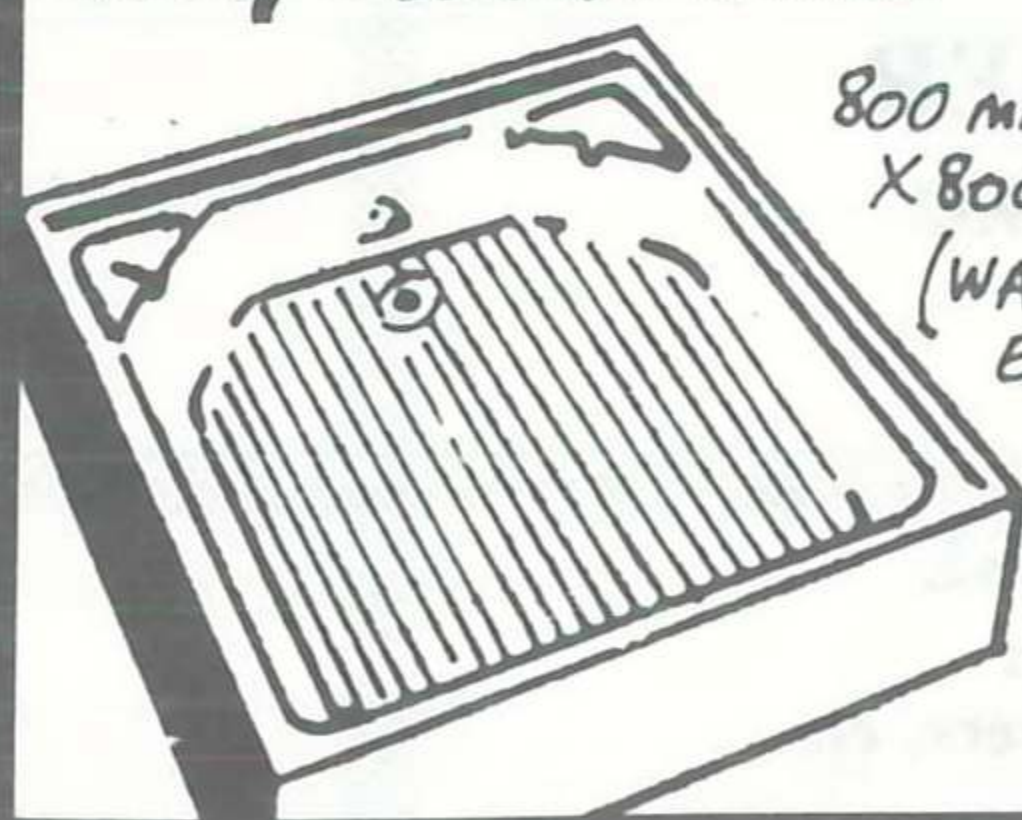
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1894/5	2-2	2-1
1895/6	1-0	0-1
1896/7	2-3	1-3
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1898/9	0-1	2-2
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DIVISION TWO

1903/4	3-1	2-0
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DIVISION ONE

1905/6	3-0	2-1
1906/7	3-1	0-3
1907/8	2-0	0-2
1909/10	1-0	1-3
1911/2	1-2	0-3
1913/4	1-1	3-0
1919/20	1-1	1-4
1920/1	1-2	0-3
1921/2	3-1	2-2
1922/3	3-1	1-1
1923/4	0-2	0-0
1924/5	1-0	1-6

DIVISION TWO

1933/4	1-1	2-0
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1946/7	0-4	2-1
1947/8	1-0	2-1
1948/9	1-1	3-5
1951/2	2-2	1-1
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1954/5	2-2	1-2
1955/6	0-1	0-0
1956/7	2-2	3-2
1957/8	3-0	4-0
1958/9	0-0	1-2
1959/60	1-0	1-2
1960/1	0-0	1-1

DIVISION TWO

1964/5	2-2	1-5
1965/6	0-1	3-1
1966/7	1-3	2-4
1967/8	1-1	0-0
1968/9	1-4	0-0
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Preston 1

Preston 1 (Gemmell)

Bolton 3 (Manning, Byrom, Hurley)

Bolton 2 (Phillips, Wharton pen.)

1973/4 Preston 0

Preston 2 (Young, Bruce) Bolton 0

Bolton 0 Preston 2 (Bird, Elwiss)

1980/1 Bolton 2 (Carter, Whatmore)

Preston 1 (Bruce)

Teams for last game here, December 8, 1973:
PRESTON: Healey, McMahon, McNab, Spark, Bird, Sadler, Stiles, Burns, Bruce, Lamb, Young.

BOLTON: Siddall, Ritson, McAllister, Waldron, Jones, Rimmer, Byrom, Whatmore, Greaves, Lee, Thompson. Attendance 14,715.

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McGee tries an overhead kick against Orient.



David Martin takes the St. John Fisher schoolboys on a guided tour of the Kop.

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'THE TROTTERS'

BOLTON'S return to Division Two this season has not been a completely happy one and they are currently sharing with us the experience of being only just above the Second Division relegation zone.

Both clubs will of course be happier when they are back again playing First Division football for both were amongst the twelve original members of the Football League in 1888.

Since then they have spent the majority of their time (61 seasons out of 83) in Division One though the nearest they have come to the championship is three third places in the earlier part of this century. Though they have had six spells in Division Two the longest of these lasted just seven seasons and their one lapse into Division Three lasted just two seasons (1971-3).

They have, however, made most headlines by their F.A.Cup feats with a total of 11 semi-final appearances, seven final appearances and four wins, three of them in the 20's when their goalkeeper DICK PYM set up a record by playing in three Wembley finals without conceding a goal.

They reached the semi-final of the Football League Cup as recently as 1976/7, but in general they have lacked consistent success since losing their First Division place in 1964. Though they eventually went back up in 1978 they failed during the next two seasons to get into the top half of the league at any time and after failing to win a single away game last season they went down 10 points short of safety.

THIS SEASON

Far from being dispirited the club set in motion extensive ground improvements during the close season. Wins over Newcastle and Bristol Rovers at Burnden Park in the opening weeks got them off to a good start, but since then home form has been inconsistent and on their travels they have won just twice - at Shrewsbury and Wrexham. They pulled off a tremendous feat in drawing 3-3 at Nottingham Forest's City Ground in the third round of the F.A. Cup but then lost the replay at home and at the time of writing have lost five away games in a row but have won three successive games at home.

Now managed by former Sunderland and England man STAN ANDERSON, who moved up from

assistant when Ian Greaves left last year, Wanderers have been served up front recently by young Scotsman DAVID HOGGAN and evergreens NEIL WHATMORE (a one-club man) and ALAN GOWLING, who is now in his third season after spells with Manchester United, Huddersfield and Newcastle. In midfield CHRISTHOMPSON is a Midlander who made his debut last season, DUSAN NIKOLIC came from Red Star Belgrade this season and PETER REID has come back bravely in the last year after a serious ligament injury and several transfer rumours.

In defence PAUL JONES (over 400 league and cup games), MIKE GRAHAM and DAVID BURKE are all local lads linking up with IAN BRENNAN,

signed this season from Burnley. Behind them TERRY POOLE after several years with Huddersfield during which he had more than his share of injuries, has recently taken over from DENNIS PEACOCK, signed from Doncaster during the close season.

Others who may come into the reckoning are GERRY McILHINNEY a new-comer this season from Distillery, LEN CANTELLO, who is in his second season after a long and successful spell with W.B. Aibion, JOHN THOMAS, a young forward from Everton who has netted several goals recently, and experienced defender MIKE WALSH. All of which underlines the fact that Stan Anderson has been shuffling his pack a fair amount recently in his quest for a winning combination.

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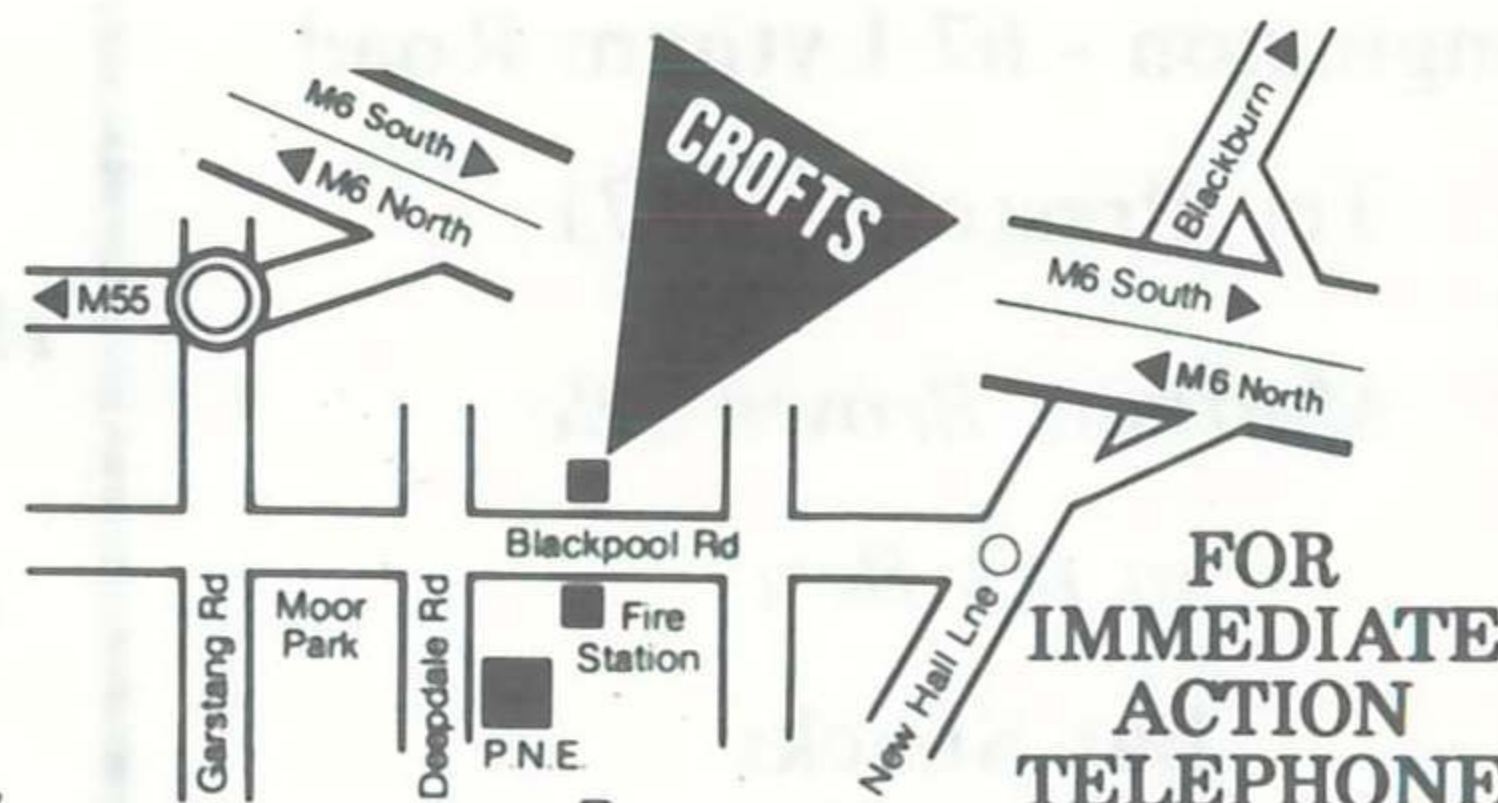
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STAR VISITOR

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THOUGH far from being a veteran Brian Kidd is in his fourteenth season of first class football during which time he has proved himself to be something of a compulsive goal-scorer.

It was as a teenager that he made his debut for Manchester United in 1967 and whilst playing alongside men like Denis Law, Bobby Charlton and George Best he was in no way overawed by his illustrious team mates. He climaxed an excellent first season by scoring one of United's goals in the European Cup final against Benfica at Wembley.

By this time he had already won a place in the England Under-23 team and almost two years after his European Cup triumph he made his debut for the senior England team. Then after two more good seasons at Old Trafford he moved to Arsenal, netted on his debut at Leicester in August 1974 and totalled 23 goals in that first season at Highbury.

After two seasons in London he became anxious to return North and in the summer of 1976 he moved to Manchester City for a six-figure fee, thus becoming one of the relatively few players to have appeared for both Manchester teams.

He fully justified that fee with 22 and 19 goals respectively in his first two seasons at Maine Road, but in the general shake-up after the arrival of Malcolm Allison in March 1979 he moved to Everton and scored in his first full game against Coventry. He was top scorer for Gordon Lee's lads with 17 goals last season, but this summer saw him on the move to his fifth league club.

His thirteen goals this season include hat-tricks against Newcastle and Cambridge. His career tally of league and cup goals is now well into the 170's in over 400 league and cup games - and he is hungry for more after being out of the team for a spell recently.

SECOND DIVISION SCENE

GRIMSBY'S 1-1 draw at Bristol City last week was the thirteenth game to have ended all square for each of these clubs this season, thus keeping the Mariners on the edge of the promotion race and the Robins still in with a chance of avoiding relegation. It also brought Grimsby midfielder BOB CUMMING his thirteenth goal of the season.

Another hard fought drawn game recently was that in which Derby drew their third game in a row, 1-1 at Hillsborough before Wednesday's biggest gate of the season, this result keeping both teams in the promotion race.

Another promotion challenger Notts County, however, lost for the first time in twelve games in their shock home defeat by Luton, who oddly enough played before a gate of 8,075 compared with the 8,074 present at their game at Orient four days earlier.

Luton make a habit of surprise away wins for they were the last team to win a league match at West Ham, who in 23 games at Upton Park since then have won 21 times and drawn once, losing just one European Cup-winners' Cup-tie.

DAVID CROSS'S matchwinner against Newcastle last week was his 24th goal of the season, this leaving Newcastle without a goal in four successive games.

Shock result last week was Bristol Rovers' 3-1 win at Cambridge, their first away success since winning at Cardiff 13 months ago. Oddly enough Rovers' midfielder DAVID WILLIAMS, who scored the matchwinner in that game at Cardiff, was on the mark again at Cambridge last week.

Talking of Cardiff they slipped to their fifth defeat in six games when beaten 4-2 at Watford last week and they could have yet another battle against relegation on their hands before the end of the season.

Another Welsh team, Swansea City are currently striving

to get back into the promotion race. After their shock F.A. Cup defeat by Middlesbrough at the beginning of January they lost five league games in a row, but they have now chalked up successive 3-goal wins against both Bolton and Wrexham. Though Bolton have now won three home games in a row they have lost five successive league games since their hard-earned draw at Nottingham Forest at the beginning of January.

We have a similar sort of record recently as we battle to keep out of the relegation zone, having just won three successive home games but having lost three successive away games without scoring.

Blackburn Rovers, one of our promotion rivals, have also just drawn three games in a row, two of them away from home at Grimsby and Q.P.R. Since the beginning of December they have now been involved in no fewer than five goalless draws.

HALF-TIME SCORE-CHECK

DIVISION ONE

Birmingham v Manchester City	
Liverpool v Everton	
Manchester United v Ipswich	

DIVISION TWO

Bristol City v Wrexham	Cambridge United v Cardiff
Chelsea v Blackburn	Notts County v Orient
QPR v Derby	Sheffield Wednesday v Grimsby

Shrewsbury v Newcastle	Swansea v Luton
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Watford v Bristol Rovers	West Ham v Oldham
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DIVISION THREE

Burnley v Huddersfield	
Chesterfield v Blackpool	

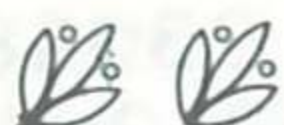
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Bury v Rochdale	
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ODD HAPPENINGS

Spectators present at the Coventry City v Everton game on October 3, 1970 witnessed a goal the like of which had never been seen before and will almost certainly never be seen again except on occasions when the BBC 'Match of the Day' film extract is taken out of the archives.

It was pure coincidence that the cameras were there on that particular day though the Sky Blues had practised it diligently in training. Coventry were already leading 2-1 when a free-kick was awarded just outside the penalty area. Their plan to beat the defensive wall that inevitably lined up in front of them worked to perfection.

No-one was quite sure what was happening as Willie Carr (still happily in the game over a decade later) stood over the ball. As the whistle sounded he gripped the ball between his feet then leaped in the air so as to flip the ball up behind him. Ernie Hunt was perfectly placed to meet the ball on the volley and the ball sailed over the 'wall' and dipped into the top of the net before goalkeeper Andy Rankin (now of

course with Huddersfield) could see what was happening.

Was this the way to beat defensive walls? In the short term it certainly was, but officialdom was worried. Meetings were held and before any other team, or even Coventry themselves, could repeat the feat it was banned by F.I.F.A. on the grounds that the back flip did not technically constitute a 'kick'. To many people it seemed that an exciting innovation had been killed by bureaucracy and over a decade later it still seems that a defensive wall places the attacking side at too much of a disadvantage when in a period of heavy pressure an attacker is brought down when in a scoring position.

The players who were involved in this 'once in a lifetime' game were:

COVENTRY: Glazier, Coop, Clements, Machin, Blockley, Strong, Hunt, Carr, Martin, O'Rourke, Alderson.

EVERTON: Rankin, Wright (Brown), Newton, Kendall, Kenyon, Harvey, Whittle, Ball, Royle, Hurst, Morrissey.

Attendance: 28,563.

new challenge for Alan

ALAN BALL's disappointment at parting company for the second time in his career with Blackpool, must have been tempered by the fact that after shedding his first managerial responsibility he could return to Southampton, a leading First Division club, as a player. Though fans up and down the country may at times have been upset from time to time by Ball's excessive competitiveness, most will wish him well in his return to top level soccer for he has given the game splendid service over almost 20 years by his non-stop running and determination to succeed. It is generally agreed that his was the greatest single contribution to England's 1966 World Cup win and many feel too that his axing from the England team was premature, in 1975.

Now he has a splendid chance of joining the select few who have played over 700 league games and one must admire the courage of a man who in his mid-thirties takes up a new playing challenge after an unhappy managerial experience. With Alan Oakes still going

strong as a player with Chester as well as managing the club with over 750 league games beneath his belt and John Trollope reaching the 770 mark before hanging up his boots to manage Swindon earlier this season one wonders whether there is too much of a tendency for players to retire because their birth certificates state that they have reached the mid-thirties when in fact they could well go on for a season or two.

Players are, it is said, fitter today than they ever were and yet they do not seem to be maintaining their stamina for as long as previous generations did. Early this century Billy Meredith played into his late 40's, John Oakes captained Charlton in the 1946 F.A. Cup Final at the age of 42 and Stanley Matthews played in the First Division at fifty in 1963/4. Just over a decade earlier Arsenal's centre half Leslie Compton made his England debut at the age of 38. Imagine a player being selected for England at that age now, much less make his debut.

OLD HEADS

It is therefore perhaps surprising at a time when many soccer experts are calling for a style of football that requires a steady rather than an express speed build-up that players are dropping out at an earlier age than ever. Midfield

generals, even the younger ones, rarely 'run' at much more than walking pace for many years men like Bobby Collins, Johnny Giles and Mike Bailey for instance seemed positively to stroll about the field - and yet their contributions to their teams' success was indisputable. One has the feeling that a fit player could have filled a similar role well into his forties provided he had the skill.

Maybe a certain staleness creeps in for a player on the wrong side of thirty. Maybe the need to make his way in management at that age tempts many to hang up their boots.

Whatever the case fans feel a disappointment when a player gives up while still delivering the goods on the field though one can of course recall some who, even when retiring well before 35 seem to have gone on long too long and have had unhappy final seasons.

Somehow one suspects that will not happen to Alan Ball just as it didn't happen to men like Jimmy Dickenson, Jimmy Hagan and Tom Finney, all of whom were deservedly holding their places in their late thirties. Just as if a player is good enough he is old enough and big enough, so if he is good enough he is not too old either.

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19 Grimsby Town	0-0	10,460	Tunks	Taylor	Cameron	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Bell	Coleman	Elliott	Potts	McGee	O'Riordan
23 WEST HAM UTD	0-0	9,306	Tunks	Cameron	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Bell	Coleman	Elliott	Houston	McGee	Doyle
30 Sheffield Wed.	0-3	16,724	Tunks	Cameron	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Bell	Coleman	Bruce	Sayer	McGee	Doyle
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16 CAMBRIDGE UTD.	2-0	5,516	Tunks	Cameron	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	O'Riordan	Bell	Coleman	McGee	Houston	Bruce	Sayer
13 Watford	1-2	11,275	Tunks	Cameron	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	O'Riordan	Bell	Coleman	McGee	Sayer	Bruce	Elliott
20 Chelsea	1-1	13,755	Tunks	Westwell	Cameron	Doyle	Baxter	O'Riordan	Bell	Coleman	Elliott	McGee	Houston	Blackley
27 SHREWSBURY T.	0-0	6,309	Tunks	Westwell	McAteer	Doyle	Baxter	O'Riordan	Bell	Coleman	McGee	Sayer	Houston	Elliott
October														
14 Orient	0-4	4,395	Tunks	Taylor	McAteer	Doyle	Baxter	O'Riordan	Sayer	Coleman	Elliott	McGee	Houston	Blackley
17 NEWCASTLE UTD.	2-3	5,301	Tunks	Taylor	Cameron	Burns	Baxter	O'Riordan	Doyle	Coleman	Elliott	Bruce	Houston	McGee
11 LUTON TOWN	1-0	5,620	Tunks	O'Riordan	Cameron	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Doyle	Coleman	Elliott	Bruce	McGee	Bell
18 Wrexham	1-0	5,775	Tunks	O'Riordan	Cameron	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Doyle	Coleman	Elliott	Bruce	McGee	Bell
21 Bolton Wanderers	1-2	10,713	Tunks	O'Riordan	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Doyle	Coleman	Elliott	Bruce	McGee	Bell
25 BRISTOL ROVERS	0-0	5,807	Tunks	Taylor	O'Riordan	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Doyle	Coleman	Elliott	Bruce	McGee	Hasl'grave
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11 Oldham Athletic	1-1	6,739	Tunks	Westwell	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Bell	Coleman	Elliott	Bruce	McGee	O'Riordan
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15 Bristol City	0-0	8,042	Tunks	Westwell	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Bell	Coleman	Elliott	Bruce	McGee	Taylor
22 Q.P.R.	3-2	6,725	Tunks	Westwell	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Bell	Taylor	Elliott	Naughton	McGee	Hasl'grave
28 Swansea City	0-3	9,115	Tunks	Westwell	Cameron	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Bell	Taylor	Elliott	Bruce	McGee	Anderson
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12 GRIMSBY TOWN	2-4	5,289	Tunks	Westwell	Cameron	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Bell	Taylor	Elliott	Bruce	McGee	Naughton
16 DERBY COUNTY	0-3	6,118	Tunks	Westwell	Cameron	Taylor	Baxter	Anderson	Bell	Doyle	Elliott	Bruce	McGee	Sayer
13 Luton Town	2-4	7,874	Tunks	Taylor	Westwell	Burns	Baxter	Anderson	Bell	Doyle	Elliott	Bruce	McGee	Sayer
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26 Blackburn Rovers	0-0	17,738	Tunks	Taylor	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	O'Riordan	Coleman	Doyle	Elliott	Bruce	Houston	Bell
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13 BRISTOL R.(FA 3)	3-4	6,352	Tunks	Taylor	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	O'Riordan	Doyle	Coleman	Elliott	Bruce	Houston	McGee
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31 West Ham Utd.	0-5	26,413	Tunks	Westwell	McAteer	Bell	Baxter	O'Riordan	Doyle	Coleman	Elliott	McGee	Houston	Sayer
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17 WATFORD	2-1	5,162	Tunks	Westwell	McAteer	Bell	Baxter	O'Riordan	Doyle	Coleman	Elliott	McGee	Naughton	Bruce
14 Cambridge United	0-1	4,228	Tunks	Westwell	McAteer	Bell	Baxter	O'Riordan	Doyle	Coleman	Elliott	McGee	Naughton	Bruce
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28 CHELSEA	1-0	8,129	Litchfield	Westwell	Burns	Bell	Baxter	Anderson	Doyle	Coleman	Sayer	McGee	Naughton	Bruce
March														
17 ORIENT	3-0	5,510	Litchfield	Westwell	Burns	Bell	Baxter	Anderson	Doyle	Coleman	Bruce	McGee	Naughton	Elliott
14 Newcastle United	0-2	11,946	Litchfield	Westwell	Burns	Bell	Baxter	Anderson	Doyle	Coleman	Bruce	McGee	Naughton	
21 BOLTON W.														
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F.A. Cup - 3 goals
McGee 1, Bruce 1, Houston 1

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July														
29 CARLISLE UTD.	0-0	4,588	Tunks	Taylor	McAteer	Hasl'grave	Baxter	Blackley	Bell	Potts	Elliott	McGee	Bruce	Burns
August														
12 BLACKBURN R.	0-1	5,697	Tunks	Taylor	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Bell	Hasl'grave	Elliott	Thomson	Bruce	Houston
15 BLACKPOOL	0-1	7,217	Tunks	Taylor	Cameron	Doyle	Baxter	O'Riordan	Bell	Rothwell	Elliott	Houston	Bruce	Webb

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

August														
26 WIGAN ATH.	1-0	8,108	Tunks	Cameron	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	O'Riordan	Bell	Coleman	Elliott	Houston	McGee	Doyle
September														
13 WIGAN ATH.	2-1	9,698	Tunks	Cameron	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	O'Riordan	Bell	Coleman	Houston	McGee	Bruce	Elliott
23 OXFORD UTD.	1-0	5,722	Tunks	Westwell	Cameron	Doyle	Baxter	O'Riordan	Bell	Coleman	Elliott	McGee	Houston	Sayer
October														
29 West Brom A.	0-0	17,579	Tunks	Westwell	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Doyle	Coleman	Elliott	Bruce	McGee	Bell
November														
14 WEST BROM A.	1-1	14,420	Tunks	Westwell	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Bell	Coleman	McGee	Naughton	Bruce	Taylor
12 West Brom A.	1-2	15,218	Tunks	Westwell	McAteer	Burns	Baxter	Blackley	Bell	Coleman	Elliott	Bruce	McGee	Taylor

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	P	W	D	L	P	A	P
West Ham	33	22	7	4	63	26	51
Notts Co.	33	14	13	6	38	32	41
Blackburn	33	13	13	7	37	27	39
Grimsby	34	13	13	8	38	28	39
Sheff Wed	33	15	8	10	43	34	38
Chelsea	34	14	9	10	46	32	37
Swansea	33	13	11	9	49	37	37
Luton	33	14	9	10	48	39	37
Derby Co	33	12	13	8	48	43	37
QPR	33	12	10	11	43	31	34
Cambridge	32	15	4	13	39	44	34
Newcastle	33	11	11	11	23	36	33
Orient	33	11	10	12	41	42	32
Watford	33	11	9	13	38	38	31
Bolton	34	11	6	17	50	55	28
Wrexham	32	9	10	13	30	37	28
Cardiff	33	10	8	15	36	49	28
Preston	33	8	12	13	31	50	28
Oldham	33	8	11	14	28	40	27
Shr'sbury	34	7	13	14	33	39	27
Bristol C	34	5	13	15	22	41	24
Bristol R	34	4	12	18	28	52	20

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- 9 Alex BRUCE
- 10 Paul McGEE
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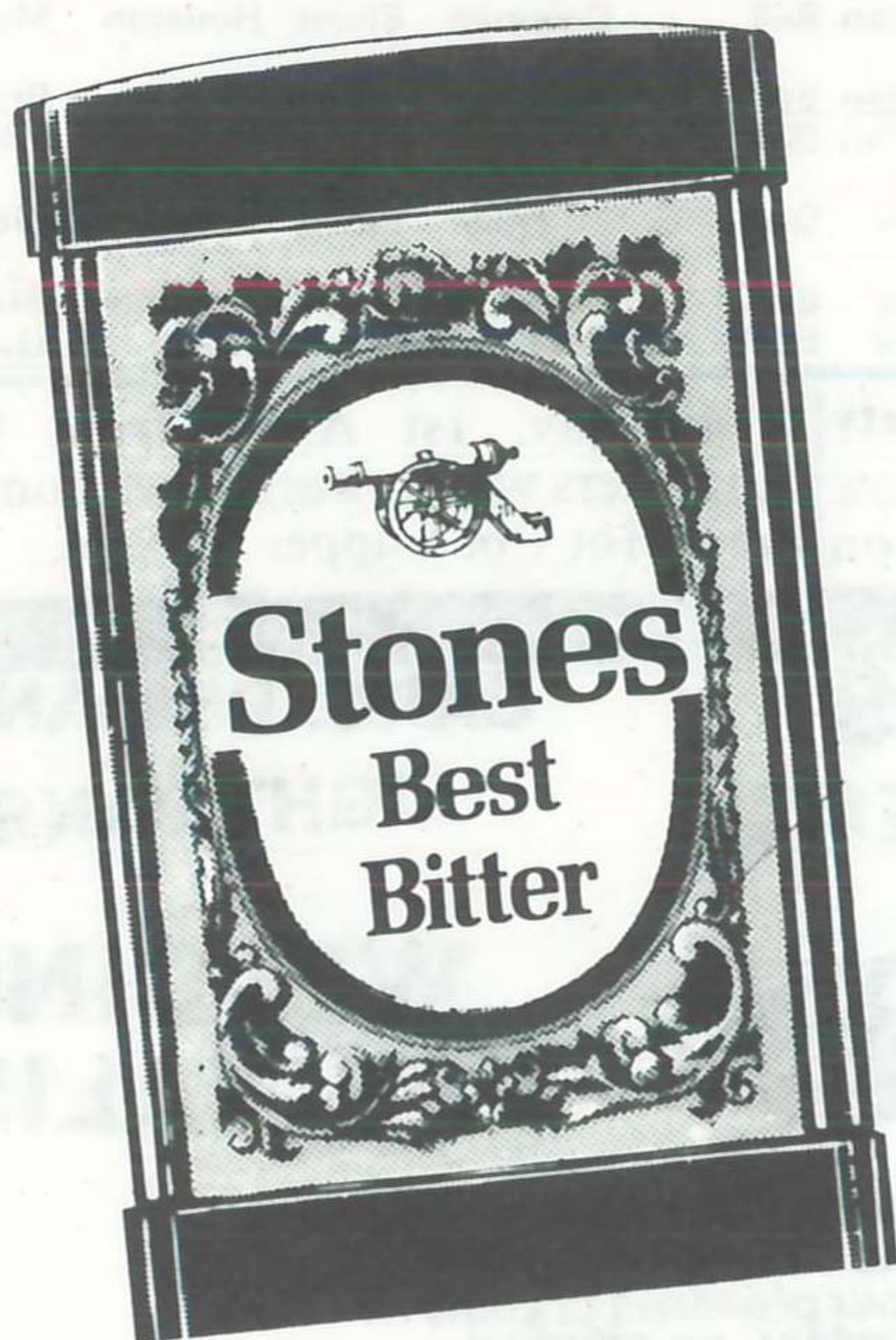
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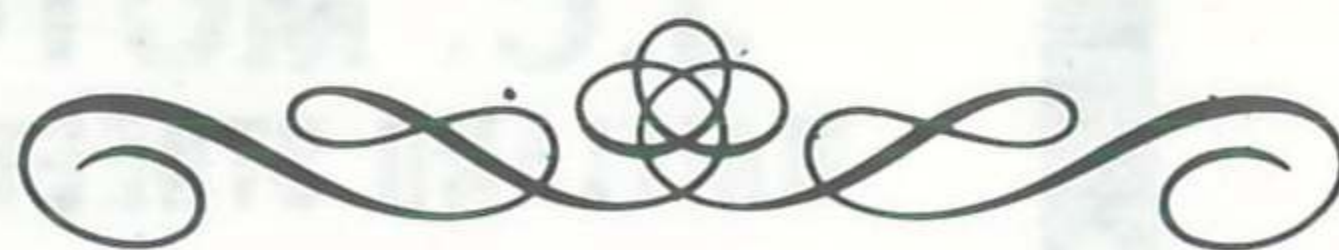
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- 5 Mike WALSH
- 6 Gerry McELHINNEY
- 7 Dusan NIKOLIC
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